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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES T.A. PAI

1. INDIAN WIRESERVICE (PTI) CARRIES "OFFICIAL PREFS RELEASE" ON AMBASSADOR SAXBE'S CALL TODAY ON MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES T.A. PAI IN WHICH AMBASSADOR QUOTED AS EXPRESSING HAPPINESS AT "NEW CLIMATE OF TRUST AND FRIENDLINESS" BETWEEN INDIA AND US AND HOPED IN WORDS OF PTI RELEASE THIS COULD BE "FURTHER STRENGTHENED AND PROMOTED SO THAT HEALTHY TRADE AND CULTURAL TIES BETWEEN TWO LARGEST DEMOCRACIES OF WORLD COULD RESULT IN MUTUAL BENEFIT."

2. PTI STORY ALSO STATES AMBASSADOR MENTIONED STEEL FABRICATION, FORGINGS, AND GEAR MAKING AS AREAS IN WHICH US COULD GIVE SUB-CONTRACTS TO INDIA. PAI EMPHASIZED INDIAN INTEREST IN EXPANDING TRADE WITH US AND SAID AID WAS NTO A SUBSTITUTE FOR TRADD IN THE PRESENT SITUATION. HE CALLED FOR GREATER INDO-US COOPERATION IN TRADE, INCLUDING PROVISION OF ENGINEERING AND DESCGN CONSULTATION SERVICES
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BY INDIA.

3. COMMENT: GIST OF THE REPORT IS ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE EXCEPT FOR REFERENCE TO "WORLD'S TWO LARGEST DEMOCRACIES" WHICH CAME FROM MINISTER PAI AND NOT RPT NOT FROM AMBASSADOR SAXBE. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER REPORT IS BEING PICKED UP BY FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS BUT HOPE IT WILL NOT BE REPLAYED WITH THIS PHRASE ATTRIBUTED TO AMBASSADOR SAXBE BY VOA, AND THAT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, IF QUERIED, WILL CAREFULLY DISTINGUISH THE PHRASE IN QUESTION AS BEING SAID BY PAI. WE ARE DOING SO HERE. END COMMENT. SAXBE

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